REMARKS

Status of case

Claims 12-22 are currently pending in this case. Claims 12 and 22 are independent claims.

Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura et al. (Pub. No. US 2002/0030749 A1) in view of Kubo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,795,715 B1) and Niikawa et al. (Pub. No. 2002/0171747 A1). Claims 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura et al. in view of Kubo et al., Niikawa et al., and acknowledged Prior Art.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-11 and added claims 12-22. Pending claims 12-22 distinguish over the cited references. Each of the references cited teaches that when a camera object is generated by a camera object generating means, one set of default attributes are set in the newly generated camera object.

Attributes that are suitable for a camera device may depend on the characteristics of the camera device. Therefore, one set of attributes may be suitable for one camera device whereas the same set of attributes may not be suitable for another camera device. In the cited prior art, the camera object includes only one set of default attributes; therefore, a programmer may be required to write codes for modifying the default attributes included in the newly generated camera object so that the default attributes become more suitable for a particular camera than those are originally set to the camera object. Further, when a terminal includes more than one camera device, this increases the likelihood that the single set of default attributes may be unacceptable, necessitating the tedious task of programming.
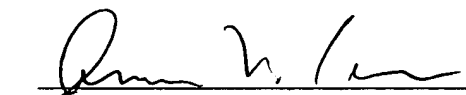
In contrast to the cited references, the communication terminal presently recites a "storage unit [that] stores one or more default attributes of each of said plurality of camera devices", and "camera object generating means for generating a camera object that is to be used for storing image data of an object photographed by said selected camera device and includes a plurality default attributes that are read out by said reading means." See claims 12 and 22. In

this manner, the storage unit may store suitable attributes corresponding to each of plural camera devices in advance. When a camera device is selected, a camera object is generated that includes the suitable attributes corresponding to the selected camera device. Therefore, in the present invention, programmers may need to only change the default attributes stored in the storage unit, and do not have to rewrite the codes in the programs for photographing objects. Thus, the recited storage unit and camera object generating means distinguishes over the cited references.

SUMMARY

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

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